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In re Application of
Switzer et al.
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For: "ISOLATION OF A
RETROVIRUS"

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This Response to a Restriction Requirement filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 is responsive to the Office Action dated March 13, 2003 restricting claims 1-12 into nine groups.

I. REMARKS

The PTO requires the restriction of the claims in the above-identified application into one of the following nine groups of claims: